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For Immediate Release: Fire Destroys Barn

The Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office has determined that an afternoon fire that destroyed a Hamilton Barn was accidental. The fire, which resulted in \$200,000 damages, was due to a heat lamp too close to bedding materials.

At 1:30 PM on Thursday March 5th, fire-rescue units from Hamilton, Purcellville, Round Hill, Lovettsville, Leesburg, Lucketts, Ashburn, Arcola and the County Fire Marshal's Office responded to a barn fire in the 16000 block of Hamilton Station Road. First arriving units reported a 50'x200' barn fully involved in fire with partial roof collapse. Access to the structure was limited due to length and narrowness of driveway and snow accumulation. Crews were able to contain the fire to the building of origin. Units remained on the scene for several hours overhauling the structure.

The owner was able to release some of the livestock that was housed in the barn. However, several young lambs and some machinery were lost in the fire. The owner of the property was treated at the scene for burn injury sustained while trying to rescue the animals. One first responder suffered an injury while assisting with reequipping the apparatus after the incident.